MEASURE SUBMITTED TO THE VOTERS

DISTRICT

KENTFIELD FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT CONTINUATION OF SPECIAL TAX AND APPROPRIATIONS LIMIT INCREASE MEASURE O

Shall said resolution of the Board of Directors of the Kentfield Fire Protection District imposing a special tax for paramedic services of not-to-exceed Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) per year for each living unit as a basic charge be confirmed and the appropriations limit be increased by an amount equal to the proceeds of said tax for each of the next four (4) years?

IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS BY COUNTY COUNSEL MEASURE O

If this measure is approved by a two-thirds vote, the Kentfield Fire Protection District will be authorized to impose a special tax for paramedic services not to exceed Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) per year on each living unit, and the appropriations limit for such tax will be established at an amount equal to the proceeds of said tax for each of the next four (4) years.

Dated: August 21, 1998

PATRICK K. FAULKNER County Counsel

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE O

Since 1983, the voters in the Ross Valley have overwhelmingly approved a special tax to provide paramedic service. To continue this high standard of emergency medical care for four more years, you must now re-approve this measure. The initial RVPA tax provided for a single ambulance. The demand for paramedic service from our citizens dictated that one ambulance could no longer deliver an adequate response to the residents of the area. Therefore, a second paramedic ambulance is now in service.

To fund this improved service without increasing the current tax, the RVPA plans to charge for ambulance transport. This is the standard for <u>ALL</u> other paramedic provider agencies within Marin County. This transport charge will be billed to insurance providers,

such as Medi-Cal, Medicare, and private insurance carriers.

Your parcel tax covers the base level services, including dedicated paramedic ambulances in the Ross Valley, 9-1-1 responses, and paramedic training. The transport charge covers the cost of transporting patients to the hospital. The actual parcel tax will be determined each year. A "YES" vote for this measure does *not* increase the parcel tax, which has been \$30.00 per parcel for the past eight years.

The goal of the Fire Chiefs of the Ross Valley is to continuously improve paramedic

services and response times.

We need YOUR vote to continue this vital service. Vote "YES" on Measure O.

- s/ Frank A. Tessin, Chairman Board/Directors Kentfield Fire Protection District
- s/ Gerald F. Doherty, Secretary Board/Directors Kentfield Fire Protection District

NO ARGUMENT AGAINST THIS MEASURE WAS SUBMITTED

